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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Reverend
4 Austin W. Smith, Jr. of Chicago, who passed away on December
5 12, 2012; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Smith was born in Pollocksville, North
7 Carolina, on September 17th, 61 years ago, to Austin and Minnie
8 Hicks Smith; he was the 7th of 9 children, affectionately known
9 as "Pete"; he attended Jones Central High School, Washington
10 Bible College, and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, where
11 he earned a Master's of Religion in Urban Ministry and a
12 Master's of Christian Studies; he married Shirley Small on
13 December 13, 1969; and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend Smith has served as senior pastor of
15 Compassion Baptist Church in Chicago for the past 20 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Prior to becoming pastor of Compassion Baptist
17 Church, Reverend Smith served as director of the Agape
18 Community Center, a ministry of Here's Life Inner City; he most
19 recently served on the board of Converge Mid America; and

20 WHEREAS, Before beginning full-time work in the ministry,
21 Reverend Smith worked for the Kiplinger Washington Editors in

1 Washington, D.C. as a computer programmer-analyst; and

2 WHEREAS, Reverend Smith was preceded in death by his
3 parents, Austin and Minnie Smith; his son, Sean; and his
4 brother, Charles; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Smith is survived by his wife of 42
6 years, Shirley; his children, Sauda, (Duane) Porter, Faith,
7 Stephen, and James; his grandchildren, Jasmine, Joy, Hope, and
8 Jovanni Austin; his siblings, Harriett (Jesse), Robert (Sadie)
9 Barbara (Robert), Karen, Jacquelyn (Ronald), Delphine
10 (Sherman), and Graylin (Barbara), his cousins, nieces,
11 nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews; the congregation of
12 Compassion Baptist Church; and a host of brothers and sisters
13 in Christ and friends; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we mourn the passing of Reverend Austin W. Smith, Jr., and we
17 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all
18 who knew and loved him; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Reverend Austin Smith, Jr. as an
21 expression of our deepest sympathy.